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BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING FONMIN, SUDANESE POSITION ON ANGOLA WILL BE TO DEFER RECOGNITION TEMPORARILY BOTH BECAUSE OF COMPETING CLAIMS THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND FACT THAT OAU IS SEIZED OF ISSUE. SUDANESE HOPE CURRENT EFFORTS CAPE VERDE PRESIDENT IN MOZAMBIQUE WILL CONTRIBUTE TO SUPPORTING OAU POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. BRIEFED FOPVIN AHMED NOV 10 RE USG ASSESSMENT ANGOLAN SITUATION AND OUR POSITION IN FAVOR TRUE INDEPENDENCE UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED BY GREAT BULK OF ANGOLANS (REFTEL). FONMIN EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN USG ASSESSMENT OF AREA ACTUALLY UNDER MPLA CONTROL. ON QUESTION RECOGNITION, HE COMMENTED THAT USG POSITION NOT FAR FROM THAT OF GOS. MPLA REPS HAD COME HERE WITH MESSAGE FROM NETO FOR NIMEIRI (KHARTOUM 2531). NIMEIRI HAD

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NOT AGREED RECEIVE THEM SO THAY MADE THEIR PITCH TO

AHMED HIMSELF. ACCORDING FONMIN, DELEGATION HAD ADVANCED CLAIM SIMILAR PARA 3 REFTTEL BUT ADMITTED THEY LIKELY LOSE ANOTHER SOUTHERN PROVINCE AS RESULT OF WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS INVASION WHITE MERCENARIES LED BY SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICERS. CITING CONSENSUS IN FAVOR NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THREE LIBERATION GROUPS WHICH HAD EMERGED FROM KAMPALA OAU MEETING IN JULY, FONMIN SAID HE HAD TOLD MPLA REPS THAT, AS MEMBER OAU BUREAU, GOS WAS PREPARED HELP IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS. ACCORDING AHMED, DELEGATION CLAIMED THAT PRC MILITARY AID TO MPLA HAD CEASED AFTER MOBUTU VISIT TO PEKING AND THAT, WHILE SOVIET MILITARY HELP FORMERLY AVAILABLE, IT WAS NOT NOW BEING RECEIVED.

2. CAPE VERDE PRESIDENT PEREIRA, ACCOMPANIED BY GUINEA-BISSAU FONMIN MARIA, SAW NIMEIRI NOVEMBER 9 ENROUTE LOURENCO MARQUES TO DISCUSS ANGOLAN PROBLEM. FONMIN AHMED SAID NIMEIRI HAD TAKEN SAME LINE WITH PEREIRA AS HE HIMSELF HAS WITH MPLA, NAMELY THAT SUDAN WISHED SUPPORT OAU EFFORTS. PEREIRA EWPORTEDLY RESPONDED BY CLAIMING MPLA CONTROLS MAJORITY TERRITORY AND POPULATON, TO WHICH NEMEIRI REJOINED THAT OVERHASTY SUPPORT MPLA WOULD SERVE UNITE OTHER TWO LIBERATION GROUPS AND PERPETUATE CIVIL WAR.

3. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION, FONMIN STATED THAT GOS, LIKE USG, PLANS REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY HASTY MOVE TOWARD RECOGNIZING MPLA. HE SOMEWHAT WORRIED, HOWEVER, LEST CAPE VERDE INITIATIVE RESULT IN SUPPORT FOR MPLA DUE INFLUENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE, WHILE HE FEELS NUMBER AFRICAN STATES MAY RECOGNIZE MPLA SIMPLY BECAUSE IT HOLDS THE CAPITAL, IN HOPE THAT GROUP'S CURRENT RADICALISM WILL BE TEMPERED BY RESPONSIBILITY.

4. COMMENT: SETTLED SUDANESE POLICY HAS BEEN TO HOPE THAT THREE LIBERATION GROUPS CAN BE BROUGHT TOGETHER (KHARTOUM 1464). SINCE THIS EVIDENTLY FOR MOMENT A NON-STARTER, GOS APPARENTLY PLANS USE OAU INITIATIVE AS EXCUSE FOR DRAGGING FEET ON RECOGNITION UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIES.
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